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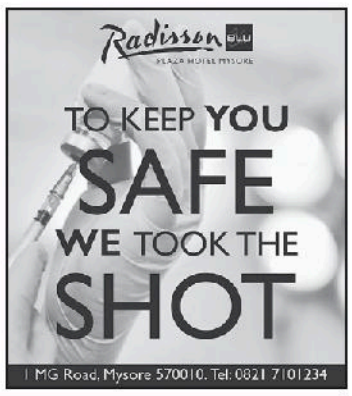

Yediyurappa expects party message by this evening

Rally of Lingayat Seers begins at Bangalore Palace Grounds

Bengaluru/Belagavi, July 25 (KMS&BCT)- Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has said that he expects to receive a message from the BJP High Command about his political future this evening amid speculation about his replacement.

"If the message comes by evening, I will let you know immediately. You will also come to know and will take a suitable decision after that," the Chief Minister said this morning when asked about the matter. He was reacting to media queries on his arrival at Sambra Airport in Belagavi.

The 78-year-old arrived on a day-long tour to inspect flood-hit areas in Belagavi district. On the demand for a dalit CM, Yediyurappa said, "I cannot decide it as the High Command which will decide. We will make a decision after receiving the message from the High Command."

Yediyurappa left Bengaluru to fly to Belagavi, one of the flood-affected districts. The torrential rain over the last few days in several districts of the State has left nine people dead and three people missing. Thousands were evacuated after their homes were flooded.

After reviewing the relief and rehabilitation works, Yediyurappa will return to Bengaluru this evening. Tomorrow (July 26) is the second anniversary of his Government, which came to power in July 2019 after the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government collapsed as 17 legislators from the two parties combined, quit their seats and joined the BJP.

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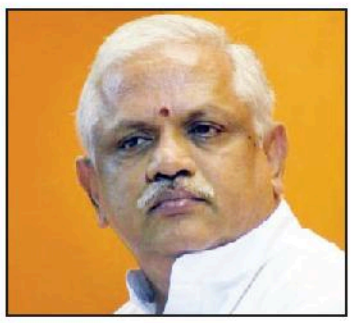
B.L. Santhosh holds parleys in Goa



B.L. Santhosh

Bengaluru, July 25 (KMS & DM)- With the BJP High Command seriously mulling change of guard in Karnataka, today is the D-Day for Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa as he awaits the party order.

BJP National Organising Secretary B.L. Santhosh, who had stepped in to choose the successor, is camping in Goa where a BJP conference is on. Santhosh is learnt to have already chosen Yediyurappa's successor and has also prepared the blueprint of the new State Cabinet. However, this is subject to the scrutiny of the BJP High Command, according to sources.

The party top brass is said to have asked Santhosh to leave Bengaluru to Goa as the aspirants for the CM's post and Cabinet berths in the new dispensation would exert pressure on him to consider their case. BJP National President J.P. Nadda along with National General Secretary C.T. Ravi are in Goa for the party conference.

The High Command is also worried about leakage of the party moves and decisions to the media. As such, the BJP top brass is said to have asked Santhosh to shift to Goa to avoid any meetings or talks with local party leaders on the change of leadership issue or Ministerial berths.

The BJP is said to have taken serious note of the dissidence that came out in the open when the party's Karnataka In-charge Arun Singh visited Bengaluru late last month to elicit opinion from the party Legislators. The party is also wary about the political developments that may happen if the choice of a new leader is discussed and finalised in Bengaluru.

Bommai-Prahlad meet assumes significance

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai yesterday met Union Minister and Dharwad MP Pralhad Joshi at the latter's residence in Bengaluru which has assumed significance especially at a time when leadership change is hitting headlines.

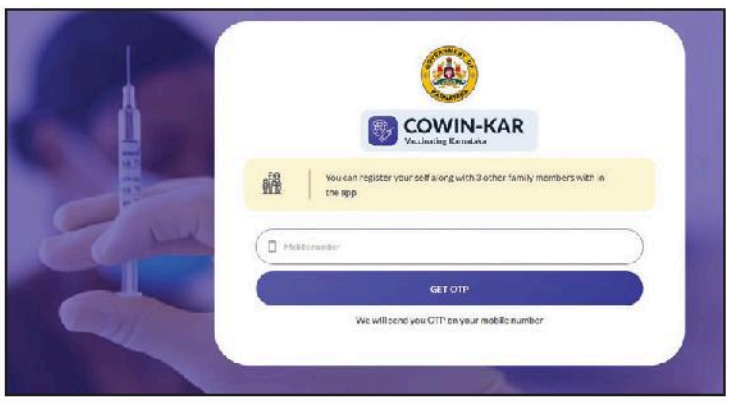
Pralhad Joshi is said to be one of the frontrunners to the CM's post and the meeting has led to widespread speculations.

However, Bommai refused to attach any special significance to his visit, stating that he met the Union Minister following a phone call from him and only administrative issues were discussed.

COWIN-KAR pilot project in city from tomorrow

Download app from Google Playstore or by logging onto cowin.karnataka.gov.in

Mysuru, July 25 (BCT)- Developing a dedicated software for a smooth COVID-19 vaccination drive following instances of glitches in CoWIN App, the Karnataka Government is all set to launch the pilot project in Mysuru city limits from July 26 (tomorrow) to encourage more and more people to get their jabs.


COWIN-KAR
You can register yourself along with 3 other family members with in the app
GET OTP
We will send you OTP on your mobile number

Under the project, persons need to register their names by either downloading the app from Google Playstore or by logging onto *cowin.karnataka.gov.in*. The App has been developed by the State Health Department and the pilot project would be implemented in all the three Assembly segments in Mysuru (only city limits). If the pilot project is successful in Mysuru, the App will be extended to the entire State.

Once registered in *cowin.karnataka.gov.in*, the user will get an OTP that validates the mobile number and the user is taken to an interface next where the registration can be done. Up to four members of a family can be registered in one go in the app and the user is asked to submit details like name and ID proof.

Easy registration process

It is an easy registration process and after registration, based on the availability of vaccination doses, people will receive an SMS on their registered mobile numbers containing the date and time of their vaccination along with the Government health facility's name (vaccination centre).

The SMS will be sent 24 hours prior to the vaccination time so that arrangements can be made by the beneficiaries to reach the centre as per schedule.

In a media release, Mysuru DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that people would have the option to choose the date and the vaccine. The facility also offers the registered persons an opportunity to change the date of vaccination once. Non-vaccinated people can register themselves on COWIN-KAR for the first dose and the persons, who have already received the first dose, can also register themselves for the second dose.

(See COWIN-KAR on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

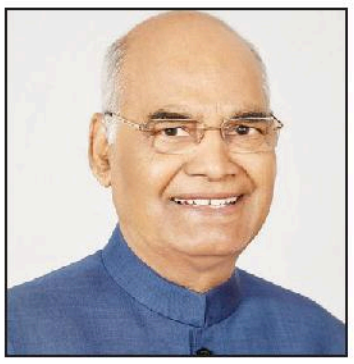
Mysuru, Sunday 25th July 2021

Prez approves appointment of VCs for 12 Central Varsities

New Delhi, July 25 (SSV)- President Ram Nath Kovind, who is the Visitor to Central Universities, has approved the appointment of Vice-Chancellors for 12 such Universities, including those in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu.

Prof. Tarkeshwar Kumar, Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal and Dr. Sanjeev Jain have been appointed Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu, respectively. Appointments have also been made for Central Universities in Jharkhand, Karnataka, TN and Hyderabad.

The Central University of South Bihar, Manipur University, Maulana Azad National



Ram Nath Kovind

Urdu University, North-Eastern Hill University and Guru Ghasidas University have also got new VCs. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan informed the Rajya Sabha that 22 posts of VCs were vacant, out of which appointments to 12 posts had already been finalised.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The good and bad part about grief in today's time is that technology is at the centre of language, the failure of language and the grasping for language. Earlier, we could choose the time of the day to sit down with a photo album and allow ourselves a journey down the memory lane. We could choose whom to meet and allow into our personal space at a vulnerable hour. Now, the past is everywhere: a text from the Fab India store I once bought her a sari from, urging me to come again on Mother's Day. An email from MakeMyTrip, asking me to resume booking tickets to Pondicherry, reminding me of a promise left unfulfilled to take her there, hold hands and watch the sunset over the sea. A reminder from Google Photos that two years ago, on this very day, I was sitting with her in a park, with hibiscus flowers blooming in the backdrop. On Facebook, where her profile exists, where she still exists, and people can comment their condolences. On most days, I find it perverse. On others, I think of it as a digital graveyard, a place where people can visit and offer metaphorical flowers. There's no escaping it now: Our memory and our grief, like much of the rest of our lives, is shaped, slaughtered and strewn back by technology. Perhaps, that is why I am writing this on paper. To remember her as she was: like a cup of hot chocolate on a chilly winter morning, like a gentle kiss on the forehead after a long day, like a paperback found on the shelf. And above all else, like home.

—Shruti Sonal in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Puffy nacho chip auctioned for Rs. 44 lakh online

Sydney: A 13-year-old girl from Australia found a unique puffed up nacho. She put it up for auction online and was surprised to see huge bids in a few hours. Nachos have become a popular snack across the world. There are multiple nacho flavours and textures to choose from, and several different dips that nachos can be paired with. Just open a bag of nachos and the possibilities are endless! But can you imagine a packet of nachos fetching you Rs. 44 lakhs?

Thirteen-year-old Rylee Stuart from Gold Coast, Australia, was surprised to find a puffy nacho in her regular bag of Cheese-flavoured Doritos. She uploaded a video of the bizarre chip on social media, and it soon went viral garnering over 2 million views. Rylee was surprised to see social media users suggesting her to put the chip on auction online. She then listed the puffy nacho on eBay, with the heading 'puffy dorito one of a kind!' under the seller name 'kalia2403'. In just 8 hours, the unique chip received high bids of AUD 80,100 or Rs. 44 lakh approximately.

Doctor has chips in his hand to make tasks easier

Novosibirsk: Alexander Volchek, an obstetrician-gynecologist from Novosibirsk, Russia, has been dubbed "Doctor Chip" by Russian media, after he had several tiny chips implanted under his skin to help him perform daily tasks seamlessly.

Volchek recently made headlines after announcing that he implanted a bank card chip in his arm, which he hopes will help pay for stuff just by swiping his palm instead of an actual credit card. But this is only the latest addition to Doctor Chip's growing collection of subdermal implants, some of which he had done as far back as 2014.

HEALTH CAPSULE

"Eat within 15 minutes of waking up, if you want to lose weight." Postponing or skipping your breakfast not only makes you ravenous during lunch time, but also reduces your metabolism".

By Sharadhammanni S - Clinical Educator

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When heated to high temperatures, vegetable oils degrade into oxidative products called aldehydes. Some researchers believe that oxidated vegetable oil is more damaging to human health than trans fatty acids. Coconut oil makes a good cooking oil because it doesn't oxidise under high heat.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JULY 23	JULY 24
Day's Positive Cases	157	177
Total Positive Cases	1,71,843	1,72,020
Day's Discharges	173	216
Total Discharges	1,67,794	1,68,010
Day's Deaths	3	2
Total Deaths	2,289	2,291
Total Active Cases	1,760	1,719

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Applications invited from Horticulture farmers to avail subsidy

Mysuru, July 25- The Horticulture Department has invited applications from eligible horticultural farmers for availing subsidy (2021-22) under various schemes of National Horticulture Mission.

Eligible horticulture produce growers can visit the Horticulture Department Office in their respective taluks and obtain the prescribed application forms.

The filled-in application forms must be submitted before July 30. For details, call the following Horticulture Department Offices in the taluks:

Mysuru - 0821-2430450, H.D. Kote - 08228-255262, Hunsur - 08222-252447, K.R. Nagar - 08223-262791, Nanjangud - 08221-226201, Periyapatna - 08223-273535 and T. Narasipur - 08227-260086.

REALLY...?

- *A temple dedicated to Hindu goddess Karni Mata in northwest India is home to more than 15,000 rats. These rodents are worshipped and protected, and human devotees of the temple believe that when they die, they will be reincarnated as rats.*
- *Rats don't sweat like humans, nor do they pant to relieve the heat like a dog. Rather, rats control their body temperature by expanding and contracting the blood vessels in their tails.*
- *Most types of rats live in communities, in which they groom each other, sleep together and even play. However, they are territorial, so they can turn aggressive toward unfamiliar rats. A group of rats is called a "mischief."*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A: I have the perfect son; *B: Does he smoke?* ***A: No, he doesn't.*** *B: Does he drink whiskey?* ***A: No, he doesn't.*** *B: Does he ever come home late?* ***A: No, he doesn't.*** *B: I guess you really do have the perfect son. How old is he?* ***A:*** *He will be six months old next Wednesday.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.43
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.29
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.26
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.61

VOICE OF THE READER

More on H.R. Venkatasubba Rao's service to Mysore State

Sir,

In the Sunday weekly column 'Over a Cup of Evening Tea' in *SOM* dated July 11, Dr. Javeed Nayeem had made a reference to my grandfather H.R. Venkatasubba Rao.

As per details given by my father, he was working under Sir M. Visvesvaraya. He was responsible in overseeing the construction of Lalitha Mahal Palace as well as the golden dome over the statue of Chamaraja Wadiyar when he was posted as Executive Engineer in Mysore Special Division until 20.11.1921.

Lalitha Mahal Palace was constructed in 1921 while Chamaraja Wadiyar statue was completed in 1920. The road to Uttanahalli on Chamundi Betta is named after my grandfather *(see picture)*. Afterwards, until 13.8.1928, he was posted to Water Supply Division, Bangalore.

During this time, he was responsible for several water supply scheme. The water supply schemes he was connected with were Thippagoundana Halli, Hesaraghatta, Bethmangala, Ele Mallappa Chettry Tank including Kanva Project and Honnali Bridge.

H.R. Venkatasubba Rao was born on 15.7.1879. He held a degree of BA LCE, which suggests that he must have studied in Poona Engineering College which was the only Institute issuing LCE degree and later on BE degree. Incidentally, Sir M. Visvesvaraya also passed from the same College.

Venkatasubba Rao joined Public Works Department, Mysore State, on 25.11.1912 and died in harness in 1932. DVG in his book 'Kelavu Mahaneeyaru' mentions his name.

As Executive Engineer, he drew a salary of Rs. 500 plus EWA Rs. 60 which was a princely sum during those days. He had donated to the Sports Division of the National College and Victoria Hospital, both in Bangalore.

My mother was the only daughter. She was married to my father in 1923. At that time, my grandfather was living in a huge house in Lakshmipuram. The house is still in very good condition and presently houses Sericulture Office.

Dr. Jayeed Nayeem, in his article, refers to Chamaraja Wadiyar as a person of great vision. Sadly, he died on 28.12.1894 at the age of 31. His erudition and vision is testified by the following address to students.

"Remember that you belong to a nation intensely religious, whose life from early morn to nights is filled with a firm belief in the Divine presence. Remember that you are the inheritors of the codes of purest morality and the system of highest philosophy and that these invaluable treasures are all locked up in the archives of the ancient library to yield to the earnest student." [Source: Thoughts Invaluable - Prof. B. Sheik Ali].

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
18.7.2021

Pourakarmikas job row: MCC Commissioner to convene meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, July 25 (SBD&SSV)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy has convened a meeting of Pourakarmikas tomorrow (July 26) to sort out the issue of 107 contract Pourakarmikas, who have been asked not to come to work.

MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said that the meeting has been called after several Pourakarmika groups met Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham and asked him to intervene in the wake of oral instructions given to over 100 Pourakarmikas not to come for duty.

These Pourakarmikas were working on contract basis in the Corporation limits, who are now staring at an uncertain future.

Consequent to cancellation of contract system, the State Government and the MCC are supposed to directly make payment to Pourakarmikas. But for this, certain guidelines should have been followed. Since it was not followed (during the recruitment of some workers), they have not been paid salary for last three months. Now, they have been orally instructed not to come to duty.

Of the total 2,500 Pourakarmikas working in the MCC limits, 1,648 had been working on contract basis. To get the salary directly from the State Government, they should not be over 60 years of age and have at least 2 years of experience. These rules were not followed while taking 107 Pourakarmikas, who are now facing threat of losing jobs.

G. Lakshmikantha Reddy

Meets DC

Close on the heels of this incident, a delegation of Pourakarmikas led by former Mayor M. Narayan met Dr. Bagadi Gautham and requested him to direct the MCC authorities to take back those workers as well as to release their salaries immediately.

Narayana told the DC that of 1,648 Pourakarmikas working on contract basis for several years, many have been appointed directly.

However, 107 workers have been left out from regularisation of their jobs because of which they have not been paid salary for last three months. The MCC Health Inspectors have instructed those workers not to come for duty. Among them, some are appointed on compassionate ground and removing them from job at this juncture will cause them problems.

Student scholarship

Mysuru, July 25 - Bengaluru-based Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation has invited applications from eligible students coming from economically backward sections of the society in rural areas, for availing student scholarship for the year 2021-22 to continue their PUC and higher education.

The applicant students must be from rural areas belonging to micro-agricultural families, having less than one hectare of dry farm land. They must also have studied up to 10th standard in rural areas.

Interested students can submit filled-in application form along with all necessary documents, at the Mysuru branch of Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation office located at 'Krishik Bhavan', Gen. K.S. Thimmaya Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru - 17, before Aug. 7.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2301564 or Mob: 99457-52592 or 96116-05678.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website: *www.ksfkarnataka.com*

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NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (July 26) from 10 am to 2 pm in the following villages: Hullahalli, Hunasanalu, Heggadahalli, Haginavalu, Shiramalli, Valagere, Bylaru, Belale, Mobballi, Madapura, Kanenur, Kappasoge, Mottha, Ibjala, Karya, Duggalli, Kurihundi, Yalahalli, Kadabur, Rajuru, Sangama and surrounding areas.

KDP meeting

The quarterly Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) progress review meeting of Mysuru Taluk Panchayat (TP) will take place at the ZP Hall here on July 27 at 10 am. Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda and Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah will be present at the meeting.

Adarsha Schools

The entrance test for admission to 6th standard (2021-22) in Adarsha Schools (Adarsha Vidyalayas) of the district will take place on July 27 between 10.30 am and 1 pm. For details, contact Mob: 99727-13465.

Calling artistes

The Kannada and Culture Department has invited applications from senior artistes who have served in art and literary field for availing pension. Those who want to avail monthly pension, must produce their life certificate, Aadhaar Card, a copy of pension book, Bank Passbook etc., to the Kannada and Culture Dept. before Aug. 5, 2021. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2513225.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	109.55 feet
Yesterday	:	106.10 feet
Inflow	:	39,613 cusecs
Outflow	:	9,658 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,279.82 feet
Inflow	:	25,968 cusecs
Outflow	:	25,800 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,854.29 feet
Inflow	:	12,485 cusecs
Outflow	:	12,762 cusecs

Why so much hurry to clear projects worth Rs. 12,000 crore?

Ex-CM Kumaraswamy questions CM Yediyurappa

Reviews Sathegala tunnel-based drinking water project worth Rs. 540 crore

Malavalli, July 25 (MR&SSV)- Former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) has questioned the need for giving clearance to development works worth Rs. 12,000 crore when the incumbent CM B.S. Yediyurappa is expected to step down within two days.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday after reviewing Rs. 540 crore worth tunnel-based drinking water project at Sathegala here, which will provide drinking water to several taluks, he said "I don't know about Yediyurappa tendering resignation to CM post but he is busy in clearing projects worth crores of rupees in a hurry. The works worth Rs. 12,000 crore pertaining to four divisions in Water Resources Department have been given clearance in Thursday's meeting. Out of Rs. 12,000 crore, only Rs.1,000 crore has been given to Cauvery Neeravari Nigam.

A majority of revenue goes to the State Treasury from South Karnataka but only a meagre fund allocation has been made. "I am not questioning about Old Karnataka or New Karnataka but only demanding a good share of funds for this region too," he said.

The former CM sought to know what injustice these people have done to the ruling party. Has the Government ever planned projects aimed at providing drinking water to people? What was the necessity to give clearance for so many projects at one stroke and what was the reason behind it? Is it because the current CM will step down within two days?

On Lingayat Seers extending open support to Yediyurappa, Kumaraswamy said that he would not like to add much importance to it. "I will not take refuge under my caste. This is the difference between me and other politicians. I am not going to build my party on caste basis. Everyone has his own feeling and people will decide whether it is right or wrong. The change of CM has been going on in BJP for almost two years. I suggest the BJP High Command to resolve this matter at the earliest."

He said, the scheme to fill up Iggalur Dam from River Shimsha was okayed during his Government and foundation had been laid for this project. The work is expected to be completed within the stipulated time. Since there is no chance of bringing water to Ramanagar district from any part, filling up of tanks and providing Cauvery water are the highlights of this project. This will benefit Maddur and Malavalli Assembly segments, Kumaraswamy said.

MLAs Dr. K. Annadani, D.C. Thammanna, Ravindra Srikantaiah and others were present.

MP proposes full utilisation of 180 MLD of Kabini drinking water project

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, July 25 (PM&DM)- In a bid to augment drinking water supplies to the city, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has appealed Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to approve full utilisation of 180 MLD (Million Litres Per Day) of Kabini water that is available at Bidaragodu Jackwell, a pumping station for drawing water from Kabini river which flows close to Bidaragodu in the taluk.

In a press release, Simha has thanked Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj and District Minister S.T. Somashekar for responding positively for Kabini river water supply project which is aimed at pumping water through Bidaragodu Jackwell to MUDA-formed localities and MUDA-approved private layouts in the South Western parts of the city.

Pointing out that during MUDA's general meeting held on July 17, he had maintained that MUDA's responsibilities also included providing basic amenities and other civil infrastructure in Layouts, Simha said that he had strongly argued for taking up Kabini drinking water project.

Responding to his pleas, the Ministers visited the site and directed the authorities for necessary action in this regard.

Acting on the Ministers instructions, a MUDA delegation led by its Chairman H.V. Rajeev recently inspected Bidaragodu Jackwell, Kembalu and Udbur Gate, through which the pipeline runs.

Noting that KRS water alone is not enough for meeting the daily water needs of Mysuru city, which is growing by leaps and bounds over the years, Simha said that only 60 MLD of Kabini drinking water project is being utilised for water supplies to the city. Now, with the city growing at a rapid pace in all directions, it has become essential to utilise the full capacity of 180 MLD for which Rs. 134 crore is needed, he said.

Contending that MUDA should take up this Kabini water project upgradation out of its own funds, the MP said that he will take measures for getting funds from Union Government's Jal Jeevan Mission scheme if MUDA fails to do so. He appealed the authorities to get the necessary approval for this vital drinking water project at MUDA's next meeting itself.

KOS Exam from July 26 to Aug. 4

Prohibitory orders imposed

around exam centre from tomorrow

Mysuru, July 25- With the **Karnataka Open School (KOS)** exam scheduled to take place from July 26 to Aug. 4, the City Police have clamped prohibitory orders under section 144 Cr.PC in 200 mts radius of the exam centre in the city on all dates of the exam. The KOS exam will take place at Government Maharani Teachers Training Institute (TTI) for Women on N.S. Road in the heart of the city.

Accordingly, barring the students and exam staff, no unauthorised person is allowed entry in 200 mts radius of the centre premises and all photocopy shops in the vicinity of the centre have been asked to shut down on all dates of the exam scheduled to be held from July 26 to Aug. 4, from 6 am to 6 pm, according to a press release.

Obituary

H.S. Nagappa

Mysuru, July 25- H.S. Nagappa (84), a retired Social Welfare Officer and a resident of KHB Colony in Kuvempunagar 2nd Stage, passed away in city recently.

He had also served as the President of Bodhisatva Society and Tonachikoppal Badavane Balakedarara Sangha.

He leaves behind his wife D.K. Lingarajamma, three sons including Prasanna Kumar, Principal of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Residential School at Hadinaru, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Jayanagar Burial Grounds.

S.N. Somachar

S.N. Somachar (83), a State awardee sculptor and a resident of Kamatageri in Mandi Mohalla here, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon.

Expired drugs at K.R. Hospital

Upa Lokayukta seeks report; directs to recover losses

Mysuru, July 25 (RK&BCT)- Upa Lokayukta Justice B.S. Patil summoned the Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj and K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. N. Nanjundaswamy to the Government Guest House yesterday afternoon and asked them about the huge stockpile of expired medicines at K.R. Hospital running up to Rs. 23,20,015.

Justice Patil held a meeting with officials of various Departments at the Government Guest House last morning and after the meeting, he was scheduled to visit K.R. Hospital to seek information about the life-saving medicines that have crossed the expiry dates as they were unused and denied to the patients since 2016. He was expected to check the records of purchase, stocks and disposal at the Hospital Chief Pharmacist's Office.

However, his visit was cancelled at the last moment and instead, Dr. Nanjaraj and Dr. Nanjundaswamy were summoned to the Government Guest House to offer an explanation. Expressing his displeasure over the wastage of public money, the Upa Lokayukta questioned them as to how the scam went unnoticed for five years since 2016.

No action despite committee indictment

The Upa Lokayukta then directed the doctors to recover money from the Chief Pharmacist who was at the helm from 2016 till 2020. Explaining the case to Justice Patil, Dr. Nanjaraj and Nanjundaswamy told him that an Internal Probe Committee was formed after the scandal surfaced and the Committee had indicted Chief Pharmacist Siddaraju for making purchases without checking stocks and also for causing losses.

The doctors told the Justice that despite the indictment from the Committee, no action was taken against Siddaraju. The Upa Lokayukta then asked the doctors to submit a report to him so that the losses can be recovered. He said that it was unfortunate that the corrupt are being allowed to go scot-free despite evidence.

The Upa Lokayukta began his Mysuru visit last morning from the Government Guest House where he arrived at 10.30 am and held a meeting with officials. On Friday, he had been to Mandya where he met officials at the Government Guest House there and visited the Sri Cheluvanarayanaswamy Temple at Melukote.

Make necessary preparations for the third wave

Justice B.S. Patil, who chaired another meeting with District-level officials yesterday, has asked them to make necessary preparations for the third wave of COVID-19 pandemic to avoid repetition of whatever happened during the second wave.

He said that since officers have learnt many things from the second wave they must not fall back in taking necessary steps to check the intensity of contagion in the coming wave.

"People followed the safety protocol at the beginning of the pandemic but became callous when the intensity of the first wave reduced. I have observed this in H.D. Kote taluk. People have forgotten to wear mask. The callousness on the people's part resulted in more number of Corona positive cases and casualties during the second wave," he said.

The officers must tell people to follow the safety norms strictly following warning by experts about the third wave affecting children. Since the chances of parents spreading the virus to their wards are high, they must be very careful to protect them from the deadly virus, he added.

"The District Administration must train Gram Panchayat members, Anganwadi workers and ASHA workers and constitute a village-level task force and create awareness. All medical facilities must not only be ready in district headquarters but also to in village and taluk level hospitals," he said.

Briefing Upa Lokayukta, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham said preparations are in place to take on the third wave of pandemic effectively. They have made medical preparations even if the District records 4,000 to 5,000 cases daily. So far, 17 lakh persons have been vaccinated which was about 50 percent of the district population.

The Upa Lokayukta complimented the District Administration for its ability to deal with over 5,000 cases daily. SP R. Chethan, Lokayukta SP P.V. Sneha, DCP Pradeep Gunti, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad and others were present.

Footpath encroachment drive continues in city

17 cases booked, 56 notices served, Rs. 2,700 spot fines collected

Mysuru, July 25 (SSV)- Continuing their drive against footpath encroachers, he Mysuru City Traffic Police conducted footpath encroachment clearance drive on various streets across the city on July 23 and 24 and have registered a total of 17 cases besides serving 56 notices and collecting a total of Rs. 2,700 spot fines from the footpath encroachers.

On July 23 and 24, the Traffic Cops cleared footpath encroachments on Prabha Talkies Road, Boti Bazar Road, from Vedanta Hemmige Road up to Railway Under-bridge Road, from Railway Under-bridge till Adichunchanagiri Junction, Kabir Road, Shivaji Road, KRS Main Road, Hootagalli Main Road, Gokulam Main Road and Vinayamarga in Siddarthanagar.

Ten cases were registered against violators under Karnataka Police Act and seven cases under Indian Motor Vehicle Act besides issuing notices to 56 persons and have collected a total of Rs. 2,700 as spot fines.

Police personnel led by Inspectors from Devaraja, Krishnaraja (KR), Narasimharaja (NR), V.V. Puram and Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Stations conducted the drives at their respective jurisdictions.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that the footpath encroachment clearance drives will continue in city and cases will be booked against those found encroaching footpaths. .

High Command may have asked CM to step down: MP Sreenivasa Prasad

Kollegal MLA N. Mahesh during his meeting with MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad at latter's residence in city yesterday..

Mysuru, July 25 (PM&SSV)- Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha Member V. Sreenivasa Prasad has said that BJP High Command may have directed Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to step down from his post on the issue of age. " It is between the CM and the High Command and I do not have any say in this," he said.

Talking to reporters at his residence yesterday, he said the BJP Government came to power with support of 17 MLAs from Congress and Janata Dal (Secular). And, at that time the High Command might have asked Yediyurappa to rule for two years and then step down. The BJP has set a rule that no leader must hold the executive post after crossing 75 years of age. For this reason, the incumbent CM may have decided to make an honourable exit on the same day of completing two years in office.

The MP said he was brought into BJP by Yediyurappa a few years and since then he had been given importance. But, he was not like A.K. Subbaiah or B.B. Shivappa who strengthened BJP in Karnataka. "I belonged to Congress Party and then joined BJP on invitation. Yediyurappa has worked very hard to build BJP and brought it to power in Karnataka for the first time in State politics," he added.

Sreenivasa Prasad said he has lot of respect on the seers of various mutts, but they must not take sides of any political party of politician. They must work for the welfare of society. Unfortunately, the seers are batting in favour of Yediyurappa and have demanded his continuation in the same post. His appeal for them was that they must not interfere in politics and talk in favour of any single politician.

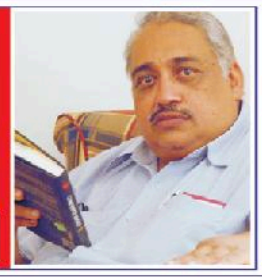
Mahesh meets Prasad

Meanwhile, Kollegal MLA N. Mahesh met Sreenivasa Prasad at latter's residence and held discussion. Ruling out any political related discussion, Mahesh said he came to invite the MP for a function in his Constituency on July 31.

Asked whether he will join BJP, Mahesh shot-back saying it was up to them to decide. "I did not know whether I have any chance of embracing the saffron party. Now, I was not in BSP and is just a legislator," he said.

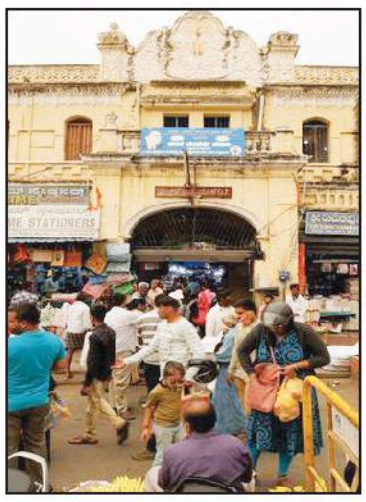
On Yediyurappa stepping down, the MLA expressed his doubts of having a powerful leader in BJP who can replace Yediyurappa. "Yediyurappa is the alternative to Yediyurappa. But it is left for the party high command to decide," he added.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

The Devaraja Market Debacle !



The imposing Southern facade of Devaraja Market.

The Northern facade of Market before it collapsed.

The Northern facade now. The staircase on the left once led to the Devaraja Police Station in the first floor.

An old photo of Devaraja Market.

In my last article, I spoke of how our stately **Lansdowne Building** came into being and its present sad and sorry state. Now it is time for us to pay a visit to our sprawling **Devaraja Market,** a portion of which collapsed due to sheer neglect way back in the year 2016.

I have already said that today this imposing edifice that shelters more than two thousand shops of all kinds and supports the lives of the thousands more who depend on it for their livelihood, stands precariously perched between life and death and nobody is able to say which way it will go.

Yes, this is its sad state because five full years after its northern end collapsed, there has been no attempt by our authorities to restore it or repair and strengthen the rest of this heritage structure although it is badly in need of some attention. It was once the only place for all Mysureans to do their shopping for every single thing, with an annex behind that sold meat, poultry and fish in complete isolation, at a respectable distance, so that this trade did not hurt the sensibilities and sentiments of the non-meat eaters!

Although I have not stepped into it for the last twenty years, simply because there is no parking place anywhere around it all through the day, this market too is a place that is very dear to me because it is linked very closely with my childhood. That was the place where we, like most other Mysureans, used to do almost all our shopping for our groceries, fruits, vegetables, toys and trinkets.

The place I liked to visit there the most was **Ali Brothers,** the shop that used to sell all the goodies that were dear to my heart and palate like Cadbury's Chocolates, Kissan Jam and Tomato Sauce, Parry's Toffees, Polson's Butter and the Cocktail brand salted cashew-nuts, to name just a few!

A few years ago, I have written a full article about this shop owned by my father's friend Sadiq Ali, whom I call the **'Man in White'**! In his immaculate white shirt and white trousers, he can still pass off as the best but unpaid brand ambassador for **Tinopol** the best fabric whitener of his time!

Another attraction for me there was the **Ashok Book Centre,** although it came up much later as a branch of the **J. Nanumal and Sons** stationery shop across the road. It was managed by his second son **Thakur Das,** who was my collegemate and close friend and on weekends I would spend hours browsing there to my heart's content. Sadly, it was located in the portion of the market that came crashing down and all that is left of it for me now, are my sad memories of my happy association with it.

Although there was nothing really very attractive for me inside the market building, I still never used to miss accompanying my father into it at any time for our more mundane shopping. **The reason for this was the arrangement I had struck with him where all the loose change given back by all the shop-keepers used to go into my own pockets as my pocket-money. After we were done at one shop, he had to pull out a new currency note from his pocket to pay the bill at the next, only to enrich my pocket once again!**

I used to store my day's collection of coins in an old wooden cigar box before converting them into currency notes through my mother. My cash box still sits in my cupboard with a good many of its coins still lying at its bottom!

The Nandi Store, which still stands in its original form and place, was where we bought all our groceries. On its long front shelf, for the customers' inspection and approval, would be placed in small bowls, all the grains, pulses and condiments that were sold there. And **Mahadev,** the genial, ever-smiling and ever-helpful store manager would make a long list of all that we wanted and pass it on to his assistants for packing. And, while they did their job we would go around the rest of the market for the rest of our shopping, trailed by **Kuppa**, our favourite, ever-smiling and ever-helpful porter with his huge round bamboo tray, smartly perched on his turbaned head.

While he would hold on to his tray with one hand, he would with his other hand clutch my hand tightly to ensure that I would not get lost in the crowd! He would be so alert that on one occasion, to my horror, he even caught and soundly thrashed a man who was trying to pick my father's pocket!

Kuppa was a Tamilian and his full name was **Kuppuswamy** and for a paltry fee of just twenty-five paise he would happily carry all our purchases to our car, after devoting a full one hour for the job! Every time, after our festival purchases, he would be rewarded with a rupee note, over and above his usual fee, on receiving which he would bow down and touch my father's feet in reverent thankfulness, although may father would always dissuade him from doing something so embarrassing.

Even to this day, every time I drive past that place, I still visualise Kuppa with his broad smile, leaning against one of the pillars while waiting for someone to summon him for his services, with a wave of the hand! I am sure that to every other Mysurean like me, the Devaraja Market remains dear because it has been so much a part of our lives over the years.

That fine and majestic building has stood strong for more than a hundred years and done a fine job of serving us. But I do not think we have done anything to save it from the ravages of time. Now when the time has come for us to repair it and restore it to its former glory or build a completely new commercial structure in its place, we seem to be torn between our love for our past and the craving for something new that can certainly be better and more useful.

But what is needed most is to take a decision quickly and act appropriately before the rest of the building crumbles, endangering the lives and livelihoods of all those who depend on it. Keeping things wrapped in ugly tin sheets and out of sight, is certainly not the way to treat our city and its many treasures!

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K-SET held amid tight security, COVID precautions

Mysuru, July 25 (MTY&DM)- The Karnataka-State Eligibility Test (K-SET)-2021 for Assistant Professorship posts in Degree Colleges of the State, was held today at 11 District Headquarters spread across the State in accordance with Government Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and tight Police security.

University of Mysore (UoM) is the Nodal agency for the conduct of K-SET and candidates who qualify this become eligible to get shortlisted for Assistant Professor or Lecturer posts in Karnataka Colleges and Universities.

The exam was held in 41 subjects with two papers — one in the first session and the other in the second session. The exam was earlier postponed twice this year due to COVID crisis.

Nearly 84,000 candidates had registered for this year's exam, which took place at 11 District Headquarters spread across the State — Mysuru, Bengaluru, Belagavi, Mangaluru, Dharwad, Tumakuru, Kalaburagi, Shivamogga, Davanagere, Vijayapura and Ballari — with all COVID guidelines in place.

In Mysuru, the exam was conducted in 29 centres, including Maharaja's College, Gopalaswamy College near Nanjumalige Circle, TTL College in Saraswathipuram and D. Banumaiah's College. More than 15,000 candidates had chosen Mysuru as their centre, while the rest had opted for other places in the State.

UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa said that according to preliminary data received from several centres, more than 90 percent of the candidates who had registered, appeared for the exam. The exam papers were dispatched to all the centres at all the places yesterday itself under tight Police security and under the supervision of a Nodal Officer, who was specially assigned for the purpose, he said and added that initial reports suggested that the exams went off safely, with all candidates asked to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour and maintain other regulations in place.

The City Police had clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC banning movement of unauthorised persons in 200 mts radius around all the exam centres. As such, only the candidates and the exam personnel were allowed to enter the centre after a check. Also, all photocopy shops in the vicinity of all the centres were ordered to shut down for the day.

Online concerts to help artistes

Mysuru, July 25 (RKB&DM)- With professional artistes facing untold difficulties due to lack of programmes, activities and loss of income due to COVID crisis, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev said that efforts will be made to organise online music concerts and telecast them under the aegis of 'Kala Samarpane' shortly.

He was speaking after releasing the poster of 'Kala Samarpane' at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday.

Pointing out that 'Kala Samarpane,' a three-day programme featuring musical concerts of renowned musicians and artistes was virtually held at Kalamandira premises recently in the absence of audience due to COVID restrictions, Rajeev said that the video-recording of these concerts have been completed in full, which will be telecast through 'Namma Mysuru' social networking site shortly.

Continuing, Rajeev said that the proceedings collected from 'Kala Samarpane' programmes jointly organised by Rotary Heritage Mysore and Mysuru Artistes Association will be distributed among artistes of Mysuru, he said that the distribution will be done in a transparent manner by directly crediting the money to the Bank account of artistes.

He appealed art-lovers, philanthropists and donors to donate liberally for the welfare of artistes who are hard hit by the pandemic.

Rotary Heritage Mysore President H.M. Venkatesh, who also addressed the press meet, called upon art-lovers to donate generously for providing financial assistance to artistes who are in distress due to loss of income.

Leaders Ajay Shastri, Gurudatt, Raghunath, D.N. Raghavendra, Ganesh Bhat and others were present during the press meet.

COWIN-KAR pilot project

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TECHNICAL TRAINING PROVIDED

It may be recalled here that last week, as part of the pilot project implementation, a technical team headed by Prasanna Kumar of State War Room from Bengaluru had come to Mysuru and a day-long orientation programme for officials was held at Zilla Panchayat Hall where the software was unveiled and the nitty-gritties were explained.

Over 38 Health Officers coming under various Primary Health Centres (PHCs) of Mysuru city, vaccinators and verifiers were part of the session.

After registration, the persons in-charge of the district vaccination programmes and the Nodal Officers will collate data and based on the number of vaccination doses available in-stock or future arrivals, they will inform the date to the jab-seeker through the App.

The App collects data and stores it at the back-end as per the age of the vaccine seekers.

The information will also include the date of vaccination availability, location and time along with details if it is Covishield or Covaxin.

Separate information will also be supplied if the vaccine-seeker is a senior citizen, above 45 years of age or even frontline warriors. Information will be prioritised as per the target groups — like frontline warriors and senior citizens.

Party message by evening

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LONE WARRIOR IN 2019

Incidentally when Yediyurappa took over from the Coalition Government in 2019, heavy rain and floods were battering the State. He had visited Delhi after his oath ceremony but was sent back to the State by Union Minister Amit Shah, who told him to take care of the flood situation. With nobody else in his Cabinet for several days, Yediyurappa had toured the rain-hit districts to supervise relief operations as the only member of the Cabinet.

SEERS MEET

Meanwhile, in a show of strength by the Lingayat community amidst indications that Yediyurappa is on his way out, a group of nearly 100 Seers from the Lingayat and other communities are holding a solidarity meeting at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru today.

They are rallying behind Yediyurappa and want the High Command to retain him as the CM. Earlier, they made a beeline to the CM's residence to express solidarity. The Yediyurappa group, however, has claimed it has no connection with the protests of the Seers.

"Yediyurappa should complete his full term. Seers from all communities supported him, not only Lingayat and Veerashaiva. Why is the leadership change talks happening now, when the CM is working efficiently at the time of crisis? Earlier too, he was not CM for the complete term," a Seer said.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NINGAMMA S.L**, W/o Boraiah, aged 66 yrs. R/o K. Shettalli Hobli, K.Shettalli Village, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist., have changed my name from **NINGAMMA** to **NINGAMMA S.L** on my own free will vide affidavit sworn in before **Notary N. Kumar Swamy on 22/7/2021**. In future in all records, deeds dealings and all transactions, I will be identified as **NINGAMMA S.L**

Sd/- NINGAMMA S.L

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IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT MYSORE
M. C. No. 207 / 2021

BETWEEN: SMT. ARCHANA SHANTHARAM
...Petitioner

AND: SRI. M. N. SHANTHARAM ...Respondent

NOTICE/ SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT

SRI. M. N. SHANTHARAM
S/o M R Nagaraj, Aged about 49 years, R/o #986, Sanmarga, 2nd Stage, Siddartha Layout, Mysore 570 011.

Whereas the aforementioned Petitioner has filed M.C.No.207/2021 before the III Additional Family Court Judge at Mysore for GRANTING a Decree of Divorce, dissolving the marriage solemnized between the Petitioner and the Respondent on 21.05.2000 and other consequential reliefs. The case is now posted for hearing on 19.08.2021. Therefore you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court on **19.08.2021 at 11.00 A.M.** either in person or by pleader duly instructed without fail, failing which the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 23rd day of July 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Chief Ministerial Officer, Family Court Mysore

NAGARAJ DAMODAR, Advocate,
#544, 1st Floor, 13th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Near Sai Baba Temple, Bengaluru 560 003.

'Let Chamundi Hill be a Bio-diversity Zone'

Mysuru, July 25 (YDS&DM)-Karnataka Bio-diversity Board Chairman Ananth Hegde Ashishara has directed the authorities to develop Chamundi Hill into a heritage Bio-diversity Zone.

He was speaking at a programme organised as part of Bio-diversity Day at the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall here on Thursday. Stressing on the need for coming up with a sustained greenery project for Chamundi Hill, Ananth Hegde said that the ZP must take measures for identifying Bio-diversity Zones in other parts of the district and save them from destruction.

Progressive farmer A.P. Chandrashekar, who was felicitated during a programme organised as part of Bio-diversity Day at the ZP Hall here on Thursday, is seen with DCF Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, CCF T. Heeralal, Karnataka Bio-diversity Board Chairman Ananth Hegde Ashishara, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh and MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy.

Pointing out that it is important to ensure that lakes are secured forever with plant saplings and other greenery after the lakes are cleared of encroachment and waste dumping, he said that the ZP authorities must come up with a plan on reviving lakes and conservation of their bio-diversity.

Noting that use of banned fertilisers pose a threat to bio-diversity, he said that the licence of shops selling banned fertilisers must be cancelled.

Maintaining that Bio-diversity Day celebration must not be limited to mere celebration, he said that every Gram Panchayat should evolve an activity on saving our rich bio-diversity.

The Board Chairman directed the authorities to discuss the issue of pollution of Cauvery, Kapila and Lakshmana Teertha river water, which is considered unfit for drinking, with the Deputy Commissioner and come up with a plan on preventing pollution.

ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh said that there are 2,000 lakes and water bodies in the district and there are no cases of perpetual encroachment. Contending that farm encroachments have been cleared from lake-beds, he said that the ZP has evolved plans for developing 360 lakes in the district.

Ananth Hegde directed the ZP CEO to keep alive Bio-diversity Committees at the Gram Panchayat-level and involve them in making bio-diversity campaigns more purposeful this year.

On the occasion, he released a booklet containing bio-diversity features and other related contents. Pointing out that there are rare Bio-diversity Zones in Mysuru district such as Seetha Betta in Hunsur taluk, he directed the ZP CEO to engage MNREGA workers for the development of Bio-diversity Zones.

Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) T. Heeralal said that a mass scale seed-ball sowing and tree-planting programme was organised at Chamundi Hill recently and added that 22,000 saplings out of the target 1 lakh have already been planted. Most of these plants are medicinal herbs and other useful plants.

Wildlife photographers Krupakar and Senani said that it is important to have at least one lake in all districts exclusively for the sake of birds. Expressing concern over rampant felling of trees for road construction and other infrastructure activities, they stressed on the need for relocation of fully grown trees to deemed forests instead of cutting them.

Progressive farmer A.P. Chandrashekar was felicitated on the occasion. DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, DCF K.C. Prashanth Kumar, Horticulture Deputy Director Rudresh and other officials were present.

Sumalatha takes mining issue to VP

New Delhi, July 25 (Agencies)-Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish is continuing her efforts to stop illegal mining in the vicinity of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam.

After raising the issue in the Parliament, she met Vice-President (VP) M. Venkaiah Naidu on Friday and had discussion with him to exert pressure on the Government to stop stone mining and blasting activities within 20 km radius of the Dam to ensure the structural safety.

The MP told the VP that though there has been a blanket ban on any kind of mining within 20 kilometre radius of the Dam, the ban orders are openly flouted by people who have political backing and also with the support of mining mafia. People, residents near the Dam and farmers who complain against mining are being threatened by criminals and officials who are hand-in-glove with local politicians, she said.

She apprised Venkaiah Naidu about the danger that mining poses to the Dam structure and how already crores of rupees have been spent on filling up the cracks on the Dam while the officials are tight-lipped about the actual status of the Dam and are issuing statements on Dam safety bowing to political pressure.

Responding to this, the Vice-President assured Sumalatha that he would speak to the Ministry of Environment and take appropriate action.

The MP requested the VP to order for an actual scientific study of the Dam structure and the threat posed by the mining activity and high-intensity blasts on the rock plates on which the Dam stands.

Illegal mining and Dam cracks overshadow revival of MySugar Factory

Mandya, July 25 (MR&SSV)-Illegal mining and 'cracks' in KRS Dam have overshadowed the resumption of MySugar Factory which has stopped sugarcane crushing since last six to seven years. This has dashed the hopes of thousands of farmers who had expected its revival.

In the beginning of this year, there was a war of words between Mandya MP Sumalatha, Janata Dal (Secular) Legislators and Congress leaders over the beginning of this factory. But two issues — illegal mining and cracks in KRS Dam — have shrouded the real need of every farmer of the district.

This factory functioned for a few years during the tenure of Siddharamaiah as CM. Subsequently, it stopped working due to lack of maintenance and financial crunch. The factory had reached such a stage that it failed to disburse the salary of employees. Now, it has been closed for almost six to seven years.

In 2008, Nagarajappa, a close aide of the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, was appointed as the Chairman of MySugar. At that time, the factory ran well despite the charges of corruption. Farmers were getting money and the employees were paid salary albeit a little late. When Siddharamaiah became the CM, the then Sugar and Co-operation Minister H.S. Mahadevaprasad was appointed as Chairman of the MySugar factory. The sugarcane growers had expected good days for the factory since the Sugar Minister had been appointed as the factory Chairman. But the decline of factory began from that year, thanks to various burning issues which included lack of maintenance and non-payment of salary to employees. Besides, the failure of sugarcane crop owing to severe drought caused further misery for the factory. In the meantime, Mahadevaprasad died and the Government did not appoint anybody as the new Chairman. So, the factory never opened since then.

After JD(S)-Congress coalition Government came to power, the then CM H.D. Kumaraswamy announced of starting a new factory at a cost of Rs. 200 crore and released a token money. The then Sugar Minister K.J. George had visited MySugar factory and held a couple of meetings. Even that Government also collapsed.

The BJP Government that came subsequently, under the leadership of CM Yediyurappa had appointed C.T. Ravi as Sugar Minister, who had visited the factory along with District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda and promised its functioning. According to them, the factory was supposed to start working from June but it never happened. In between, the Government was caught in a dual mind whether to give the factory on contract or to privatise it. Despite strong opposition, it decided to privatise it. But, this decision is likely to be shelved by the Government. With no clear indication from the Government, the sugarcane growers are in deep worries.

None must have doubts about the re-opening of MySugar Factory. The date of commencement of this factory will be decided in July 26 Cabinet meeting. It will also decide whether to give the factory on contract or privatise it. Since former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy was not in favour of its privatisation, CM Yediyurappa may revisit the mater. The factory will resume its activities later this year.

—Shivalingegowda, Chairman, MySugar Factory

COVID: Second round of vaccination begins in KR Assembly segment

Mysuru, July 25 (SBD&SSV)- The second round of vaccination against COVID-19 has begun in KR Assembly Constituency since yesterday. It has started at Karnataka Public School in Kuvempunagar and JSS Public School in J.P. Nagar.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA S.A. Ramdas said that the citizens were given the first dose of Covaxin last month and they were due for second dose.

The pilot project of vaccinating people in the polling booths has proved successful thanks to the co-operation of everyone. The second dose vaccination drive will continue till October 2. "Our aim is to vaccinate every person above 18 years of age in my constituency and our efforts are on. Already, 1.8 lakh people are vaccinated. In the coming days, vaccination will be administered in all Primary Health Centres (PHCs)."

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev complimented Ramdas for his concern on his constituency people and also getting 15,000 doses at one time.

He deserves all credit for drawing up a scheme to bring 180 MLD of water from Kabini.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that vaccination was going on in full brisk in district. Even after taking vaccine, people must compulsorily wear mask in public places. The flow of vaccine to the district is expected to increase next month and all the people will get vaccine.

Corporators Shivakumar and Shanthamma, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad, THO Dr. Mahadev Prasad and others were present.

Unscientific dumping of medical waste worries residents

MCC Health Officer gets it cleared within 30 minutes of coming to his notice

Mysuru, July 25 (SBD&KS)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, acting swiftly on receiving message about medical waste being discarded at the garbage bin in Chamundipuram Circle, has got it cleared within 30 minutes of him receiving the message.

Yesterday morning, a few residents noticed medical waste such as used syringes, cotton swabs with blood, used hand gloves, used cotton gauze etc. discarded at the garbage bin in Chamundipuram Circle. These wastes were also found scattered on the footpath.

Shocked on seeing such an irresponsible act, a few residents are said to have brought this to the notice of the elected representative and to MCC officials, who did not take the issue seriously. They are said to have told the residents that it was a holiday today and there are no workers besides telling the residents that they would get the medical wastes cleared tomorrow.

Unhappy with the answers and expressing concerns that what would happen if cows and dogs consume it or if a person stamps on these wastes and gets infected, a resident, called up *Mysuru Mithra*, the sister concern of *Star of Mysore*, last evening and expressed their concern.

The residents also sent a few photos of medical waste discarded in the garbage bin. Soon, the issue was brought to the notice of MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj and the photos were also sent to him through WhatsApp last night.

Taking the issue seriously, Dr. Nagaraj immediately swung into action and within 30 minutes, got the medical waste cleared from the spot.

The residents, thanking Dr. Nagaraj for taking immediate action, has urged the authorities concerned to initiate legal action against those discarding medical wastes irresponsibly.

Woman ends life after posting death note to father

Mysuru, July 25 (RK&KS)- A 32-year-old woman, who had posted her death note to her father, allegedly committed suicide later by hanging self at her house in N.R. Mohalla on Friday.

The deceased is Mohankumari, wife of Udaykumar and a resident of Water Tank Road, near Ganapati Temple in N.R. Mohalla. Mohankumari, who was working at the office of a Chartered Accountant (CA) as an assistant, had married Udaykumar in 2013 after falling in love.

It is learnt that she had taken loans for the maintenance of the family and following COVID pandemic; she was caught in financial debts and was depressed. Before taking the extreme step, Mohankumari has posted a death note to her father, who is residing at R.S. Naidu Nagar in city.

In her death note, she has stated that she could neither become a good daughter to her father nor a good wife to her husband besides furnishing details of those from whom she had taken money.

Before taking the extreme step, Mohankumari has kept a copy of her death note in the house, latched the door of the house from inside and had kept the keys near the window. By the time the post reached Mohankumari's father and he rushed to his daughter's house, she had hanged herself.

N.R. Police conducted mahazar and have registered a case.

Man commits suicide

Jumps into river in front of brother

Basavaradhya

Kollegal, July 25 (Nagendra&KS)- A 32-year-old man has reportedly committed suicide by jumping into a river in Kollegal Town Police limits yesterday.

The person, who committed suicide, is Basavaradhya, a resident of Kurubalanahundi village in T. Narasipur taluk.

Basavaradhya, about 20 days ago, had met with a road accident on Kanakapura Road and was admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru, where he is said to have recovered and discharged.

On Saturday, Basavaradhya, along with his younger brother Pramod, was proceeding on a bike to Kollegal Hospital for a check-up. On the way, Basavaradhya asked his brother to stop the bike at Dasanapura Bridge and when Pramod stopped the bike, Basavaradhya reportedly jumped into the river in front of Pramod.

Police personnel, who rushed to the spot, conducted a search for the body but in vain as the river was flowing in full force. Kollegal Town Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Two go missing

Mysuru, July 25 (YDS&KS)- In separate incidents, two persons have gone missing from Udayagiri and Nanjangud Rural Police limits.

In the first case, a 38-year-old man, who left his house on July 16 at about 6 pm, has since gone missing, according to a complaint lodged at Udayagiri Police Station.

The missing man is **Mazhar Khan**, a resident of Kalyangiri.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

In the second case, a 38-year-old man, who left his house on July 12 at about 9 pm to work, has since gone missing.

The missing man is **Naveen Kumar**, a resident of Himmavu in Nanjangud.

He is 5.5 ft. tall, fair complexioned, oval faced, normal built, speaks Kannada and Hindi and was wearing a maroon coloured shirt and grey pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Nanjangud Rural Police Station on Ph: 08221-226259, according to a press release.

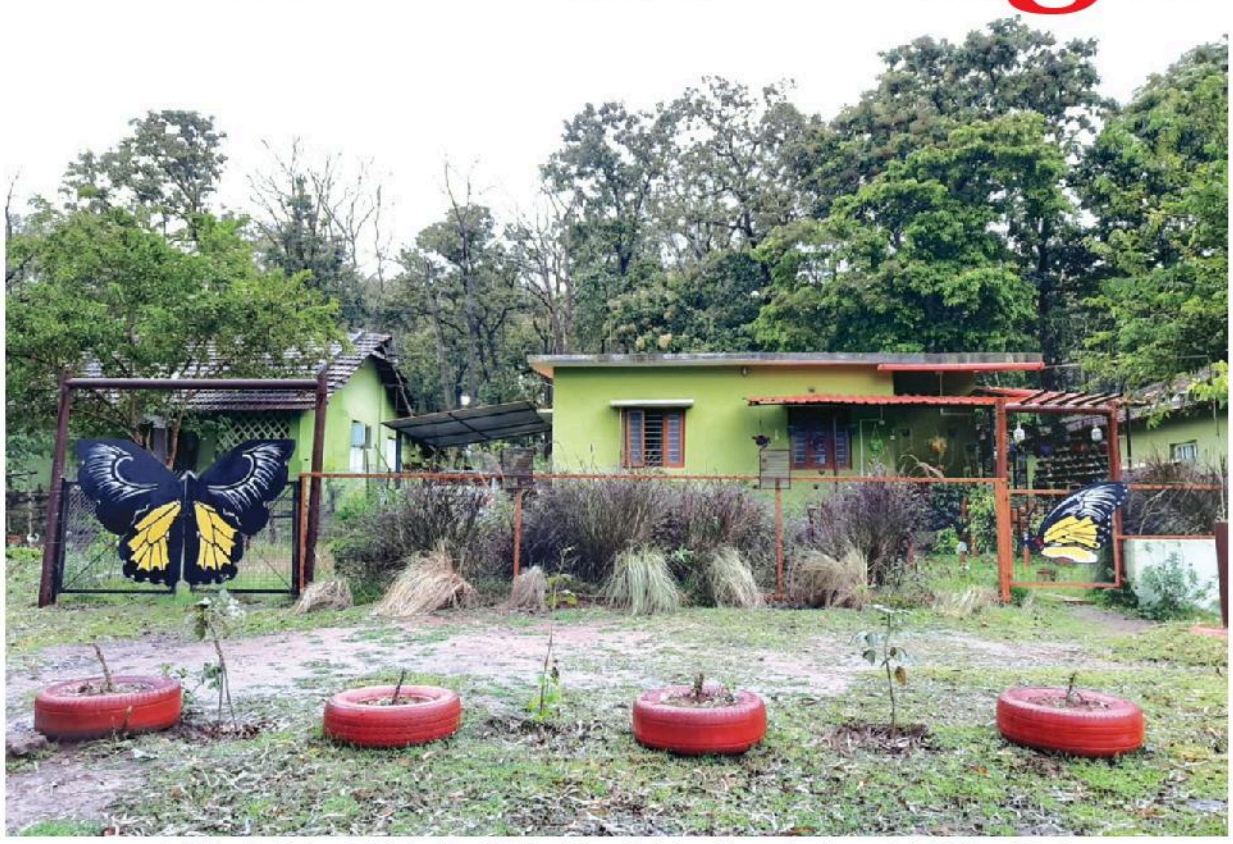
Boy rescued

Mysuru, July 25 (YDS&KS)- A transgender has rescued a boy and has handed him over to the Police yesterday.

Alena, the transgender, found the three-year-old boy crying near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at about 1 pm yesterday and handed over the boy to Devaraja Police Station.

The parents or guardians of the boy may contact Devaraja Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418306 or Mob: 94808-02231.

Backyard Butterfly Park at Nagarahole



A Butterfly Park established by DRFO at his official residence in Nagarahole National Park.

GREEN THUMB: ***DRFO Naveen Rawat at his home garden.***

Hanagodu, July 25 (Mahesh& BCT)- A study of butterfly species has become an important element in conservation biology that is gaining importance in recent years. A Butterfly Park has been established inside the Nagarahole National Park by an enthusiastic Forest Officer who has made up his mind to take what began as a hobby — or call it a passion — to greater heights, achieving conservation as well.

While over 17,000 butterfly species are documented in different parts of the world, India, with 1,504 butterfly species are identified till date and that accounts for 8.7 percent of butterfly species of the world. Karnataka has 325 species.

"I am interested in butterflies that fly around Nagarahole Tiger Reserve," said Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Naveen Rawat, who has established a Butterfly Park at his official residence. Rawat decided to work on the butterfly zone when he spotted many species that fluttered his improvised garden. Slowly he established a full-fledged garden and has fenced it now with a giant figure of a butterfly.

Karnataka already has its own State butterfly — the Southern Birdwing (Troides Minos). It is the largest butterfly species, is endemic to South India and resembles the colours of the State Flag. There are over 160 species of butterflies in Nagarahole and earlier there were more. The exact count will be available only after a census.

Research findings

The decline in butterfly species is mainly due to anthropogenic activities and change of environmental factors beyond the tolerance limit of butterfly species. This problem is common in various protected areas, where they are facing major problems with human activities, forest fires and Nagarahole Tiger Reserve is no exception to it.

The National Park extends to 843.39 square kilometres and covers Mysuru and Kodagu districts. In a 2018 report on the checklist of butterfly species found at Nagarahole National Park, researchers S. Basavarajappa, V. Gopi Krishna and S. Santhosh have documented 138 species from Hesperiidae, Lycaenidae, Nymphalidae, Papilionidae and Pieridae families across the Tiger Reserve.

Common species

Some of the common species names are Angled Pierrot, Banded Blue Pierrot, Common Ciliate Blue, Common Hedge Blue, Common Onyx, Forget Me Not, Indian Cupid, Lime Blue, Malayan, Plain Cupid, Plum Judy, Slate Flash, Tailless Line Blue, Zebra Blue, Angled Castor, Baronet, Blue Pansy, Chocolate Pansy, Common Bush Brown, Common Evening Brown, Common Nawab, Dark Brand Bush Brown, Double Banded Crow, Gladeye Bush Brown, Striped Tiger, Tamil Tree Brown, White Fourring, Common Mormon, Southern Birdwing, Tailed Jay, Chocolate Albatross, Common Emigrant, Plain Orange Tip, Small Grass Yellow and Three Spot Grass Yellow.

"Existing butterfly species density, abundance and seasonal occurrence varied considerably at different forest ranges and provided a platform for further in depth research for their conservation in the years to come," the researchers have observed in their paper published in the Journal of Entomology and Zoology Studies (JEZS).

Lantana growth

One of the main hurdles in protecting the delicate beauties at Nagarahole is the growth of Lantana Camara and Senna Spectabilis weeds that are uncontrollably growing inside the forest. Lantana Camara is the biggest threat and has invaded many parts of the National Park. These weeds push out native species of vegetation and prevent fresh growth of native vegetation and flowers that bloom on them. Butterflies thrive on this native vegetation.

Though DRFO Naveen Rawat's efforts in butterfly conservation are small and restricted to his own backyard, there needs to be a concerted effort by the Tiger Reserve authorities to save the rare species. Rawat has used locally available materials for the Butterfly Park including bamboo, discarded tyres and other stuff.

TOKYO GAMES 2020

P.V. Sindhu makes winning start

Reigning world champion P.V. Sindhu opened her Olympic campaign with an easy straight-game win over Israel's Ksenia Polikarpova in the Women's Singles Group J match on Sunday. The 26-year-old Indian, seeded sixth, beat the 58th ranked Polikarpova 21-7 21-10 in a lop-sided opening match. The World No. 7 Indian will next play Hong Kong's World No. 34 Cheung Ngan Yi in the Group Stage.

Tokyo Olympics 2020 - Medal Count

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	4	1	3	8
2	Japan	3	1	0	4
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Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 1.30 pm
Radhe (H)	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Indian Wrestler Priya Malik wins Gold at World Cadet Wrestling

Indian wrestler Priya Malik today won a gold medal at World Cadet Wrestling Championship which is held in Budapest, Hungary. She won gold in the 73kg category by defeating Belarus 5-0.

Silk India-2021 expo begins

Actress Aishwarya Prasad, who inaugurated Silk India-2021 expo at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road last evening, is seen posing with a saree on display at the expo. With 75 stalls set up by artisans from 20 States, the expo features sale of cotton handloom products, ethnic and traditional silk made by master weavers from across India. The expo-cum-sale is open for public from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm till Aug. 8. For details, contact Mob: 97420-85198.

Gujarat Utsav to conclude today

B.T. Kavitha, Superintendent of Police, Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement, who inaugurated the cultural programme organised as part of Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav at JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, in city recently, is seen dancing to some Gujarati music on the occasion. The Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, organised jointly by Urban Haat and Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat, will conclude today at 9 pm.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 25)

- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an opulent show of cool cotton handloom products, ethnic and traditional silk, Nanjaraja Bahadur (NR) Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat:** Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, Urban Haat premises, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Chora Charanadasa,' School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 26)

- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an opulent show of cool cotton handloom products, ethnic and traditional silk, Nanjaraja Bahadur (NR) Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Ex-servicemen Movement:** 22nd Kargil Vijay Divas, bike rally by ex-servicemen, A.P. Prashanth Memorial Park, K.C. Layout, **9 am.**
- **The National Co-operative Bank Ltd.:** Inauguration of Cash Recycler, Acting Mayor Anwar Baig inaugurates, Bank President H.C. Krishna presides, **11 am.**

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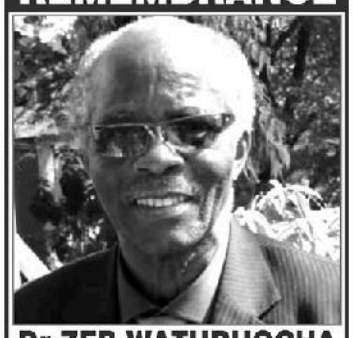

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